



CHSRA SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

Public Listening Session

WHAT IS HIGH-SPEED RAIL?



- 520-mile system (up to 800-miles when full system is realized)
- Operating speeds up to 220 mph
- 100% clean electric power
- Safely grade-separated
- Reliable, easy way to travel
- Creates jobs/stimulates economy

JOBS



- 100,000 jobs next five years for initial construction
- 1.2-1.4 million jobs over 20 years for Phase 1 construction
- 4,500 permanent operations jobs
- 100,000-450,000 new non-HSR permanent jobs by 2040

A COMMITMENT TO DIVERSE SMALL BUSINESSES




- The Authority has an obligation to seek out small, disadvantaged businesses for contract bids
- Businesses that are incorporated in this Program include:
 - Disadvantage, Minority and Women-Owned Firms (as recognized protected groups under the US DOT DBE Program)
 - Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises
 - Micro-Businesses



DEFINING “SB” IN A GENDER- AND RACE-NEUTRAL STATE

Overall small business goal of 30% is inclusive of firms who are small, disadvantaged businesses, minority and women-owned, disabled veteran businesses and micro-businesses.



CHSRA SB/DBE PROGRAM: POLICY STATEMENT

30%

**Small
Business
Goal**

- SB/DBE overall goal is 30 percent
- Definition of SB includes DBEs, DVBEs and Micro-Businesses
- Objectives apply to all components within the Authority, and all Contractors/Design-builders on existing and future contract awards, regardless of race, color, national origin, and gender
- Authority Board approved the SB/DBE Policy Statement on November 3, 2011


CHSRA SB/DBE PROGRAM: SB/DBE IMPLEMENTATION



- On August 8, 2011, through the grant/cooperative agreement between FRA and the CHSRA, the FRA directed the CHSRA to develop and implement a SB-DBE Program Implementation Plan
 - Draft plan is being circulated for public review and comment
 - Developed in consultation with the FRA and small and disadvantaged business enterprises

SB/DBE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN: THE SPECIFICS

Meeting the Plan objectives applies to all components within the Authority and all Contractors/Design-builders on existing and future contract awards including:

- Extensive data collection and reporting
 - Apply prompt payment mechanisms
 - Extensive contract compliance monitoring to ensure Contractor's small business participation commitments are achieved
 - Good faith efforts through life of contract
 - Obtain approval before substitution or termination of a SB, DVBE, or DBE
 - Contains Design-Builder Provision for SB Participation Plan
 - Supportive Services to SBs
 - Leverage existing resource partners
 - Develop a work force component
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CHSRA DRAFT SB/DBE PLAN: PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Written public comments will be accepted through **January 16, 2012**
- Following consideration of public comments, CHSRA staff will submit the final Plan to the Board then to the FRA for final approval as a condition of federal financial assistance
- See handout for where you may submit written comments



CHSRA SB/DBE PROGRAM NEXT STEPS

- Insert small business goal and performance expectation language into each solicitation and contract specification
- Conduct an Availability and Disparity Study
- Develop a Business Development Program
- Strive to build the project with firms and people who reflect the diversity of California

